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\$1.00 Per Year

Miss Ida Boardman Leib will teach Voice and Piano, Residence 309 1-2 Lemon St.

Miss Leib was a successful teacher in Palatka several years ago, leaving a large class to go to Asheville School and was for three years director of Music—Voice, Piano Choir and Glee Club. Resigned in order to spend a year in Europe. Studied nine months in Paris under Henri Bertrass and held position of soloist in St. Luke's (American church).

After returning to America was teacher of voice at Buena Vista College, Storm Lake, Iowa.

Miss Leib studied four seasons at the New England Conservatory. Voice under Charles A. White and piano under Edwin Klahre. Graduated in 1908—teachers' course.

## MISS KATE LUCAS

has returned from the northern markets where she has been purchasing her Fall and Winter stock of

Millinery

Notions

and

Fancy Goods

Miss Lucas and her assistants are now engaged in unpacking and arranging these goods and will soon have them on display. Her window display will be ready

TO-DAY

for those who would delight in viewing some of the advanced styles.

If put on the market throughout the United States

Smith's

Candy and Chocolates

would attain an enviable sales record. Made in Palatka.

## The Putnam National Bank of Palatka

PALATKA, FLORIDA

Total Assets, June 10th \$700,000.00  
Liabilities to Depositors 495,000.00  
Assets over Liabilities to Depositors 205,000.00

According to the New York Financial Review we are the second strongest National Bank in Florida.  
Our Safe Deposit Boxes, double lock system, are the best made. \$3.00 per year. We solicit your banking business.

GEO. E. WELCH, President  
F. H. WILSON, Vice-President

A. S. WILLARD, Cashier  
CHAS. BURT, Asst. Cashier



## ANNOUNCEMENT

The following prices f. o. b. Detroit, effective August 2nd, 1915:

Ford Runabout - \$390.00  
Ford Touring Car - 440.00  
Ford Town Car - 640.00

No speedometer included in this year's equipment, otherwise cars fully equipped.

There can be no assurance given against an advance in these prices at any time. We guarantee, however, that there will be no reduction in these prices prior to August 1, 1916.

### PROFIT SHARING WITH RETAIL BUYERS

On August 1, 1914, we made the announcement that if we could make and sell at retail 50,000 Ford Cars between August 1, 1914, and August 1, 1915, we would share profits with the retail purchasers, to the extent of from \$40 to \$60 on each car. We have sold over 50,000 Ford cars in the time specified, and profit-sharing checks of \$50 each will be distributed as rapidly as possible after August 15, 1915. Retail purchasers who have not yet mailed us their profit-sharing coupons, properly endorsed, should do so without delay.

Our plan to profit-share with retail purchasers of Ford cars during 1914-15 has been most successful. We thoroughly believe in it, but realizing the uncertainty of conditions generally makes it advisable to defer any announcement of future profit-sharing until a later date. We are, however, confident of our ability to reduce costs for several months, and therefore can offer no profit sharing for cars delivered during August, September and October, 1915.

FORD MOTOR COMPANY, - - - Detroit

## MULHOLLAND PARK AN ADDITION OF BEAUTY

To Palatka—Stone Posts Mark Entrance to Driveway.

Up to the present time there has been no newspaper mention of the improvements under way at Sunny Point by its owner, Miss Mary Mulholland. The News has been waiting, however, intending when the work progressed to a certain point, to call attention to the great improvement in which all Palatka is to share at Miss Mulholland's generous expense.

As noted last winter Miss Mulholland has opened up a roadway through her grounds as an extension of Second street. On lots facing this extension, several of which have been sold, one well-appointed four-family apartment house has already been erected. Other homes will likely soon be erected facing this roadway.

Where the old gate stood at the entrance of this property, have been erected within the past few weeks substantial stone, or concrete, posts in which the words "Mulholland Park" have been cut. The roadway is to be a graveled one and all the lawns and shrubs are to be in keeping with the park idea. At the First street entrance another opening will be made and dedicated to public use, and bordering this and extending to the river line, Mr. F. H. Wilson has purchased a good frontage and on this he will soon build a beautiful bungalow.

A large part of the property, including that on which stands the old colonial mansion which serves as Miss Mulholland's residence, will be kept by her and improved. It is Miss Mulholland's purpose at the present time to will this reserved part to the city for park purposes, though of course she may for reasons which do not now appear, change her mind. At any rate she is doing enough at present to entitle her to the lasting gratitude of Palatkans, for she is opening up one of the most attractive sections of the city in such a way as to insure that it will always remain a place of beauty.

St. James Methodist Church.

Sunday school at 9:45 a. m., E. M. Earnest, Superintendent.

Prayer service Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. Come and worship with us.

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Extra fine new cane syrup  
in new Cypress barrels.  
15 cts Qt.  
L. C. STEPHENS,  
628 Kirby Street.  
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## POOR PALATKA POKES ALONG CHARTERLESS

For Twenty-Seven Years Ignorant of Dangers—Will Seek Remedy.

The ordinance committee of the city council, composed of Aldermen J. V. Walton, Howell A. Davis and City Attorney H. E. Merryday have made an important discovery. It is nothing less than the fact that since 1888 the city of Palatka has been living and breathing and having its being without a charter to rest on.

Had it not been for the fact that this committee has been at work on a codification of the city ordinances, it is possible that we might have gone on indefinitely and never realized it. But the fates forbade.

At a meeting of the city council on Tuesday night Ald. Walton, chairman of this committee disclosed our peril in the following lucid report:

"Your special codification committee named in the ordinance of July 6th, 1915 respectfully reports that, 'In making a codification of the ordinances of the City of Palatka, we found it indispensable to determine what is the charter of the City of Palatka. This required us to go back to the original Act of 1852 when this town government of Palatka was first organized, and to follow the changes and amendments and enlargement of our Charter powers though numerous legislative acts to this date. This was necessary in order for your committee to determine the legality of the various ordinances many of which have been effected by the charter changes.'

"The Act of 1852 was passed at a time when Palatka had only two or three hundred inhabitants and when conditions were very different from the present and was soon found wholly inadequate.

"So in 1857 the legislature passed a new charter making complete provision for all phases of the city government and wholly abolishing the former charter. With this as a basis many subsequent acts have been passed amending, enlarging or restricting our powers as a municipality, but none of which have attempted to change the whole structure.

"This left the city more or less dependent on the charter of 1857, for its grant of power in all matters except those fully covered in subsequent special acts.

"In our study, research and investigation the force, effect and meaning of the various laws, which taken together constitute our charter, we found that the Supreme Court of Florida, in June 1888, held the act of 1857 to be void and of no effect as a law.

"We think it proper to add that in view of the invalidity of the charter of 1857, your committee made a most thorough and careful examination of the effect of this decision on the powers of the City of Palatka, and particularly with regard to the assessment and collection of revenue and we find that the special acts of the legislature passed since 1887, fully and completely empower and authorize the City of Palatka to assess and collect its taxes in the manner and form that has been and is now followed. However, we are not so fortunate with regard to many other powers necessary to the city and granted in that act.

"Therefore your committee deem it absolutely necessary that a new charter be obtained as soon as possible. With the knowledge of this necessity before us we examined chapter 6340 of the acts of 1915, authorizing cities and towns to amend their charters and to adopt charters for their government. This law provides that charters or amendments thereof can only be proposed by a charter board consisting of a certain number of members depending upon the population of the city, the number for Palatka being five. This board must be elected and the election must be called by the city council therefore your committee have prepared the necessary resolutions in accordance with the requirements of this law and herewith submit, the same and herewith its adoption.

Respectfully submitted,  
"HOWELL A. DAVIS,  
"J. V. WALTON,  
"H. E. MERRYDAY.

Following up this report Mr. Walton made a clear and careful analysis of the situation and showed the importance of immediate action. This calls for an election to be held to elect the five members of the charter commission, or constitution makers, whose work when complete shall be submitted to the people for approval.

Alderman Jarrett moved that in view of the study given to the subject that Aldermen Walton and Davis, and City Attorney Merryday, with H. O. Hamm and J. H. Yelverton Jr., be nominated as a charter commission, and that their names be placed on a ballot and submitted to the approval of voters. This motion was approved.

An election was also called to ratify these names, the same to be held on Tuesday, October 19th.

Certainly there will be little if any objection to the gentlemen selected for this work. Several of them have given a great deal of study to municipal matters and were on a special board of trade committee last year for the purpose of drawing up a new charter, which was never submitted to the legislature.

The council meeting was well attended, the entire membership being present as well as a great body of citizens, many of whom came to hear the protest of the mass meeting at the

## THOS. WRIGHT HELD FOR TURNER MURDERS

Coroner's Jury Calls it Murder—Preliminary Hearing yet to Come.

Shooting Occurred in St. Johns County, but Gov. Trammell Orders Prisoner Held in Putnam Jail.

Jesse and Roy Turner, respectively father and son, were shot and instantly killed at a point west of San Mateo and more than a hundred yards over the Putnam county line in St. Johns county, last Sunday evening by Thos. Wright, a neighbor. All the parties concerned live at San Mateo and are well-known citizens. There had been a feud existing between Wright and the Turners for some time, the same growing out of a Sunday ball game in which the Turners approved and participated, but which Wright condemned. The ball playing occurred near Wright's home and it is stated that when a ball was batted over on his premises he kept the ball. This was the beginning of a feud which has caused the death of two good men and resulted in the other being held for their murder, to say nothing of the sorrow that has been brought to innocent women of both families.

The story of the murder comes from Thos. Wright, who is the only witness and who confesses to the shooting, though he maintains it was in self-defense.

According to his story he and the Turners met in the road; Wright was driving in his buggy and met the Turners in a double team. He says that when the Turners saw him they stopped, jumped out of their vehicle, caught his horse by the bridle and ordered him to get out. He says he refused and then they pulled him out. As they were attempting to grab him he pulled his pistol and fired, emptying his revolver into one after the other and killing them both. He also states that he did not fire until he had warned them.

Both men were shot through the heart. The only thing that appears to throw a doubt on the Wright story is the fact that when found the bodies of the Turners were something more than 200 feet apart, and both lying face down in the sand.

Wright returned to his home and telephoned the sheriff's office and saying that he wanted to give himself up. Sheriff Kennedy was absent, and Deputy Sheriff Minton who took the message got Judge E. E. Haskell to go with him as coroner. His arrival they found that the shooting had really occurred in St. Johns county and that they were without authority. They thereupon notified the St. Johns county authorities. Wright was brought here and lodged in jail.

Jesse Turner was well known in this city and in the county, as was also his son. They are members of an old and respected family. Wright has lived in San Mateo some years and is also well-known here.

At the inquest held in St. Johns county on Monday a verdict of murder was returned by the jury after viewing the bodies.

The preliminary hearing will also take place in that county, possibly at Hastings, as the shooting occurred within the justice's district of which that place is headquarters. At the time of this writing the date for the examination had not been fixed.

Owing to the fact that Jesse Turner, the elder victim of the shooting was a brother-in-law of the sheriff of St. Johns county and that his own brother is a deputy sheriff in that county, and because of the bitter feeling and to guard the safety of the prisoner, Gov. Trammell has given orders that he be held in the Putnam county jail. Wright himself is very anxious to be held here.

As stated at the outset there is no witness to the shooting other than the man who acknowledges that he did it. But there are numerous stories, as would naturally be the case in an affair of this kind.

Hon. S. J. Hilburn has been engaged to represent Wright as his attorney.

## PALATKA HAS BEEN ENDORSED OFFICIALLY

A telegram to The News late yesterday afternoon from Sec. E. W. Elliott, Palatka's delegate to the Central Florida Highway Association meeting in Lakeland, says:

"Palatka has been officially endorsed as a point on the line of the proposed Lee and Jackson Highway. Also is officially connected with the Dixie Highway which is to run from east to west."

Your Uncle Elliott always Gets There with the Goods.

court house on Monday night over the treatment accorded Madam Ida Crouch-Hazlett, the socialist speaker. This protest was read and referred to the police committee for report.

Other matters of importance were taken up and disposed of. Perhaps, however, the most important of these was the adoption of the report and recommendations of Ald. Davis of the finance committee that 200 duplicate distress warrants be issued to replace those lost on personal taxes, and for 30 new ones on sidewalk and paving notes.

## ROAD BOND ELECTION OCCURS NEXT TUESDAY

Opinion is General that Bond Issue will Carry by Large Majority.

The special election to decide on the issue of a bond issue of \$208,000 for building brick roadways in the East Palatka-Federal Point-Orange Mills-San Mateo-Peniel, Palatka, Highgate and Rice Creek districts will be held next Tuesday, the 14th inst.

Reports coming to Palatka from the members of the central campaign committee of which Dr. Johnson of this city is chairman, is to the effect that there is very little opposition so far manifest, and the belief is general that the proposed issue will carry by a very large majority.

Here in Palatka, a part of the district, there is great enthusiasm. Palatka will not benefit except in that it will prosper through the prosperity of these outlying districts where the proposed roads are to be built. But even this reflected prosperity will mean much to this city and the voters recognize the importance of the roads.

The country people are for the bonds; such an issue means much to them in the advancement of their interests as farmers.

The Publicity Committee, a sub-committee of the general campaign committee, the chairman of which is H. E. Merryday, has prepared the following additional arguments for the bond issue:

"Palatka has many advantages over other cities in Florida, and with the brick roads to be built will have many more.

"Railroads radiate in eight different directions from Palatka and connect us with all parts of the State as well as with the markets of the world. The St. Johns river gives us water transportation to the sea, and with its tributaries brings the water borne commerce of the best part of the State to our doors.

"These two factors give us advantages that our sister cities, with the exception of Jacksonville, do not enjoy.

"We are commercially and naturally the distributing point and trading center of some of the most, if not the most, productive farming sections in the State, and these sections are fast growing and rapidly increasing in wealth.

"So much for what nature and outside influences have done for us.

"What have we done to TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR OPPORTUNITIES and improve them?

"We have done much it is true. We fought to make Palatka a basing point of freight rates and today we enjoy the same advantages in this respect that were formerly enjoyed only by such cities as Jacksonville, Tampa and Pensacola. We have done much to encourage the location of factories and mills at Palatka and success has crowned our effort. Our merchants have worked unceasingly to make Palatka the best market in central Florida. They carry the best lines and give the greatest value for the money. We have the best class of merchants and business people in the state.

"We have miles upon miles of brick paved streets and concrete sidewalks. Our farmers and truck growers are among the most intelligent and industrious in the state, and by their efforts and scientific methods of farming they have made the farming lands about Palatka famous the country over.

"BUT WE CANNOT STOP HERE. Greater opportunity for material gain for ourselves and those whose trade we now enjoy, and those whose trade we hope to win, is knocking at our gates.

"The Bostwick district to the north of us has already held an election for the purpose of bonding itself for the building of hard-surface roads from Clay county to Rice Creek and there was not a dissenting vote cast in that election. In addition to this the people of this progressive community have also created themselves into a special drainage district and are spending thousands of dollars for the purpose of constructing a great system of drainage canals which will drain and make available for cultivation and farming an area of over fifteen thousand acres of land in the vicinity of Bostwick. This work is actually in progress. The farming lands of the Federal Point, Hastings, Orange Mills, East Palatka, San Mateo and Peniel sections lie at our very doors.

"It is a duty we owe ourselves to build the proposed brick roads and bring the farmer and the merchant, the producer and the market, together at Palatka.

"With brick roads radiating from Palatka into Federal Point, Hastings, Orange Mills, East Palatka, San Mateo and the Peniel sections and connecting with the Bostwick district hard road at Rice Creek, the farmers and truck growers of these sections can at all times with the same teams they now employ haul greater loads, travel faster and trade more frequently with our merchants.

"BUT IN ADDITION TO THESE ADVANTAGES:

"Many hundreds of thrifty farmers who realize the advantage of locating in a community where the farming lands are connected with the shipping centers by a system of the very best kind of hard roads will buy lands and establish homes in sections traversed by these roads.

"Therefore we most urgently request every person whose privilege it is to vote upon the Brick Bond Issue to go to the polls on the 14th of this

## NEW SOUTH FARM AND HOME COMPANY LANDS

In Putnam, Marion and Clay Counties Bought in by Bond Holders.

Sale Took Place on Monday at Court House—Purchase Price was Five Hundred Thousand Dollars.

James R. Murphy, representing the bond holders of the New South Farm and Home Company of this city, purchased the entire holdings of the company in the counties of Putnam, Marion and Clay at the master's sale at the court house in this city last Monday noon. The price paid for these lands was \$500,000. Mr. Chas. H. Seig, who was present, retains his half interest in the property, and will likely be one of the directors, but in the management he will be succeeded by Mr. Jas. R. Murphy, a gentleman well-known in Palatka as an affable, genial business man and one who is eminently fitted to be a commanding general in big enterprises.

It is said that the company will be re-organized as soon as the court has confirmed the sale, an action scheduled to take place next Monday. The receiver will most likely be checked out in a day or two following the action of the U. S. court in Jacksonville.

It is said that the newly organized company will be known as Florida Homes and Farms Co. and that Mr. Murphy will be the president. He will have his office in this city, which will be headquarters for the new company as it was the old. The sale was an amicable settlement of all the difficulties which have hitherto divided the bondholders and the Sieg interests, and though these difficulties have occupied much of the time of the court, none of the purchasers of lands will or have suffered thereby. All is peace, and the devil of litigation has ceased to pursue.

Col. Chas. H. Sieg will go to Chicago to open an office for his new company, to be known as the Chas. H. Sieg Co. Mr. Fred W. Turner, long a resident of Palatka and the Secretary and Treasurer of the old company will accompany Col. Sieg to Chicago where he will be resident manager.

Col. Sieg has large tracts of Florida land, but none which he prizes so highly as he does his several thousands of acres in the Florham district of this county. Now that he has set out to boom Florham lands there will be something "didding" in that rich section of muck and hidden money, which only awaits a completion of drainage operations and cultivation to reveal it.

### East Coast Schedule Change.

The Florida East Coast Railway (Flagler System) has given notice of a change in schedule which will be important to Palatka, as follows: After Sunday, Sept. 12th, train No. 38 will leave East Palatka earlier, at 6:35 a. m., and train No. 101 from Palatka to East Palatka to connect with train No. 38, will leave the Union Station in this city at 6 a. m. and at 6:10 a. m. from the Water street station. Train No. 38, which is to leave East Palatka at 6:35 a. m., will arrive in St. Augustine at 7:40 a. m., and Jacksonville at 9 a. m.

### A Beautiful Store.

Since J. H. Yelverton Jr. secured the old Gerber store on Lemon street and fitted the same up in modern way with artistic furniture and its accessories in evidence in windows and other display, Palatkans are awakening to the fact that they have one more modern mercantile house to which they can "point with pride."

This week Mr. Yelverton is calling attention to some new things and bargains offered in this store which are well worth examining. One of these is a decorated dinner set of 44 pieces which he offers at \$4.75. Crockery and glassware is a new departure for this store, but now that he is in it, Mr. Yelverton can be depended on to make it an interesting feature of his stock. Read his advertisement on the second page of this paper.

### The County Commissioners.

There was a large amount of routine business to engage the attention of the board of county commissioners at its meeting this week, though none of the matters were of great public concern.

The appointment of a game warden was deferred to the next meeting. C. C. Alvers of Sisco was an applicant who had a big petition and another applicant was Rev. R. N. Hall of the Bannerville section.

John Varn of Georgetown wrote a letter to the board approving the poor farm scheme.

Dr. H. A. Johnson of this city was appointed county medical inspector and the clerk was asked to notify the State Board of Health of such appointment.

J. H. Wylie of Interlachen was awarded the contract for the fill at Calhoun Creek, he being the lowest bidder. The board decided to advertise for bids for the poor farm buildings.

A special meeting of the board will be held next Thursday to canvass the vote on the Bostwick Drainage District Bonds. All the members of the board were present and the board adjourned on Wednesday.

month and vote in favor of this proposition."

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